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Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
Expedited Procedure
Examining Group 2800

PATENT
ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.: 046601-5113

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
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Hiroaki AWANO	)	Confirmation No.: 8069
	)	
Application No.: 10/681,127	)	Group Art Unit: 2854
	)	
Filed: October 9, 2003	)	Examiner: R. Yan
	)	
For: SHEET PROCESSING APPARATUS	)	**Mail Stop AF**

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Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

1. Transmitted herewith is an Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 responding to the Final Office Action dated March 9, 2007.

2. Additional papers enclosed:

- ☐ Replacement Drawings
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
- ☐ Form PTO-1449, _____ references included
- ☐ Citations
- ☐ Declaration of Biological Deposit
- ☐ Submission of "Sequence Listing", computer readable copy and/or amendment pertaining thereto for biotechnology invention containing nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence.

3. Extension of Time

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.

☒ Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

☐ Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a), for the total number of months checked below:

Total Months Requested	Fee for Extension	[Fee for Small Entity]
☐ one month	$ 120.00	$ 60.00
☐ two months	$ 450.00	$ 225.00
☐ three months	$ 1,020.00	$ 510.00
☐ four months	$ 1,590.00	$ 795.00

Extension of time fee due with this request: $_____

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a Petition therefor.

☐ An extension for _____months has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of $_____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

4. Constructive Petition

☒ EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

5. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. §1.16)

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid	Present Extra	at Rate of	Total Fees
Total Claims (37 C.F.R. §1.16(c))	21	minus	22	0	x $50 each=	+ $
Independent Claims (37 C.F.R.§1.16(b))	6	minus	6	0	x $200 each=	+ $
[ ] First presentation of Multiple dependent claim(s)					$360.00	+ $
SUB-TOTAL =						$
Reduction by ½ for filing by a small entity						- $
TOTAL FEE =						$

6. Fee Payment

☒ No fee is to be paid at this time.

☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge _____ for _____ to Deposit Account 50-0310.

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310.

Respectfully submitted,

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In response to the Final Office Action dated March 9, 2007, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, the period for response to which extends through June 11, 2007 (June 9-10, 2007 being a weekend), entry of the following amendments is respectfully requested to place the application in clear condition for allowance or, alternatively, in better form for appeal.